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1. ASAHI SHINBUM DEC 4 CARRIED ARTICLE BASED ON FONOFF
SOURCES (HANABUSA, HEAD FIRST SE ASIA DIV. ACKNOWLEDGED
TO EMBOFF FONOFF ESSENTIALLY AUTHORED THE ARTICLE) SAYING
THAT JAPAN WOULD MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH LON NOL'S
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KHMER GOVERNMENT EVEN IF PRO-SIHANOUK RESOLUTION WERE

PASSED BY UNGA. ARTICLE SAID PRO-GRUNK RESOLUTION
PROBABLY HAS MAJORITY.

2. ARTICLE SAID JAPAN WOULD OPPOSE PRO-GRUNK RESOLUTION,
ARGUING THAT LON NOL GOVT WAS CHOSEN BY WILL OF
CAMBODIANS AND NEITHER OTHER NATIONS NOR UN COULD FORCE
ANOTHER CHOICE. JAPANESE UNDEL WILL URGE OTHERS TO OPPOSE
OR ABSTAIN BY INSISTING THAT IT VIOLATES UN CHARTER'S
PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRY.

3. ASAHI CITED FONOFF'S SAYING GOJ PLANS TO CONTINUE PRESENT
POLICY TOWARD KHMER UNTIL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS REACHED
IN CURRENT CONFLICT OR OTHER MAJOR CHANGES OCCUR. FONOFF
SAID TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD BE CONTRARY TO ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES
OF DIPLOMACY AND WOULD IMPAIR INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE IN
JAPAN'S GOOD FAITH. ARTICLE CONCLUDED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT
SHOULD PRO-GRUNK DELEGATION RECEIVE MAJORITY AND JAPAN CON-
TINUE TO RECOGNIZE LON NOL'S GOVT DESPITE JAPAN'S
FOREIGN POLICY WHICH IS BASED ON ACTIONS OF THE UN, INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL DIFFICULTIES WOULD LIKELY RESULT.

4. COMMENT: HANABUSA QUITE PROUD OF JAPAN'S POSITION. GOJ
ALSO IS KEENLY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM IN SE ASIA, PARTICULARLY
ASEAN COUNTRIES, AND UNDOUBTEDLY HAS THEM VERY MUCH IN MIND
IN MAINTAINING ITS STEADFASTNESS TOWARD KHMER. AFTER
EXTENSIVE COOPERATION WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES ON KHMER QUESTION,
IF JAPAN DESERTED KHMER AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL VOTE HER
ASPIRATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ASIA WOULD LIKELY BE
SERIOUSLY SET BACK. EMBOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO HANABUSA
FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORT AND JAPAN'S HARD WORK ON KHMER
QUESTION IN UNGA. SHOESMITH

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